



March 2008 Newsletter

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IAA Legislative Update

On Thursday, March 13, 2008 the IAA hosted a legislative breakfast at the State Capitol Legislative Dining Room. Legislative breakfasts are a traditional event held at the State Capitol most mornings by various organizations and interest groups and are designed to bring legislators and advocates together to discuss important issues. Over 30 children participating in afterschool programs, afterschool advocates and IAA Board Members attended the IAA Breakfast. They had the opportunity to speak with a number of legislators about the importance of afterschool in Iowa's communities.

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance would like to thank all the legislators that attended the breakfast. Additionally, a special thank-you goes to the afterschool programs that were in attendance at the breakfast: Children and Families Urban Ministries of Des Moines, Clinton Community Schools, BLAST Fort Dodge, Athletics for Educational Success of Fort Dodge, and Girl Scouts of Iowa. These programs were acknowledged by both chambers of the Legislature that morning by Senator Daryl Beall of Fort Dodge in the Senate, and Representative Deborah Berry of Waterloo in the House.

The Iowa General Assembly – A Guide to the Committees

Most of the work of the Legislature is done through committees. There are standing committees in each chamber that authorize legislation related to their specific area.

The Appropriations Subcommittees approve legislation and funding. The key education committees and their memberships are listed below. For more information about all of the committees, visit the [Iowa General Assembly website](#).

Joint Education Appropriations Subcommittee

Senate Members:

Frank Wood (D, District 42), Chair

Wally E. Horn (D, District 17), Vice Chair

Nancy J. Boettger (R, District 29), Ranking Member

Herman C. Quirnbach (D, District 23)

Mark Zieman (R, District 8)

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance (IAA) Newsletter is a monthly venue of information and updates on afterschool programs and policies. For more information, please contact Brooke Findley at bfindley@sppg.com or 515-243-2000.

House Members:

Cindy Winckler (D, District 86), Chair
Andrew Wenthe (D, District 18), Vice Chair
Royd Chambers (R, District 5), Ranking Member
Carmine Boal (R, District 70)
Mark Davitt (D, District 74)
Cecil Dolecheck (R, District 96)
Marcella Frevert (D, District 7)
Mary Mascher (D, District 77)
Mike May (R, District 6)

Senate Standing Education Committee

Brian Schoenjahn (D, District 12), Chair
Staci Appel (D, District 37), Vice Chair
Dave Mulder (R, District 2), Ranking Member
Daryl Beall (D, District 25)
Nancy J. Boettger (R, District 29)
Michael Connolly (D, District 14)
Bill Heckroth (D, District 9)
David Johnson (R, District 3)
Keith A. Kreiman (D, District 47)
Paul McKinley (R, District 36)
Herman C. Quirnbach (D, District 23)
Becky Schmitz (D, District 45)
Frank Wood (D, District 42)
Brad Zaun (R, District 32)
Mark Zieman (R, District 8)

Monthly Guest Column from the Statewide Afterschool Networks Team

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance, along with other statewide afterschool networks, attended the Statewide Afterschool Networks Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, on January 28-31, 2008. Each state brought a team of 7-8 people to participate in a wide variety of learning opportunities about afterschool programming, policy, innovations, and data collection. The members of the 2008 Network Meeting Team included:

Jeff Anderson, Iowa Department of Human Services
Erin Drinnin, IAA Policy Liaison
Emily Dvorak, 21st Century Community Learning
Center at Horace Mann Elementary, Iowa City
Brooke Findley, IAA Network Lead
Joe Herrity, Iowa Department of Education
Tom Parks, Business Champion, Cedar Rapids
David Welter, Principal, Holmes Junior High School,
Cedar Falls
Senator Frank Wood, Iowa Senate

House Standing Education Committee

Roger Wendt (D, District 2), Chair
Mary Mascher (D, District 77), Vice Chair
Mike May (R, District 6), Ranking Member
Ako Abdul-Samad (D, District 66)
Carmine Boal (R, District 70)
Polly Bukta (D, District 26)
Royd Chambers (R, District 5)
Dennis Cohoon (D, District 88)
Cecil Dolecheck (R, District 96)
Ro Foege (D, District 29)
Greg Forristall (R, District 98)
Elesha Gayman (D, District 84)
Lisa Heddens (D, District 46)
Jeff Kaufmann (R, District 79)
Doris Kelley (D, District 20)
Linda Miller (R, District 82)
Eric Palmer (D, District 75)
J. Scott Raecker (R, District 63)
Art Staed (D, District 37)
Jodi Tymeson (R, District 73)
Tami Wiencek (R, District 21)
Cindy Winckler (D, District 86)
Philip L. Wise (D, District 92)

In the coming months, please look for a new section of the newsletter, which will be written by members of the Statewide Afterschool Networks Team. These guest columns will highlight ideas, innovations, and issues discussed at the Statewide Afterschool Networks Meeting, so that all members of the IAA can benefit from this information!

Project Afterschool for All – Sign On and Show Your Support Today!

Project Afterschool for All is a national collaboration of individuals and organizations that join to advance universal access to afterschool programs. As Project Afterschool for All grows in visibility and diversity, more community leaders and policy makers in Iowa and nationally will notice afterschool as a priority. Project Afterschool for All provides its sign-on partners with opportunities to participate in events and forums, join rallies such as Lights on Afterschool, connect to afterschool resources, and bring afterschool to the public's

attention through meetings with decision-makers and press pieces.

You can help by signing on and showing your support for afterschool programs. Signing up for Project Afterschool for All is an easy way to show your solidarity with afterschool policy priorities and connect to a national movement. You can make a difference by being involved both locally in Iowa and nationally.

Please show your support for Project 2010 by signing up as a partner on the website:

<http://www.afterschool2010.org/join.cfm>

Upcoming Trainings and Funding Opportunities

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Building Healthy Teen Relationships Grants

Groups that create model comprehensive community-based prevention programs aimed at preventing relationship violence and increasing "positive, protective" relationship skills may apply for funding under the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's [Building Healthy Teen Relationships program](#).

The grants, made under the foundation's Vulnerable Population program area, will be made to nonprofits, schools, government agencies, or other public entities. Up to eight grants will be made for up to 4 years, with individual grants limited to \$250,000 per year. Application deadline is April 16, but applicant conference call and registration will be in March.

The grants are being offered in cooperation with the [Family Violence Prevention Fund](#).

For more details, see the [program website](#) or contact Debbie Lee, deputy director, Building Healthy Teen Relationships, Family Violence Prevention Fund: 415-252-8900 ext. 11 or debbie@endabuse.org.

Hometown Helper Grants

General Mills, maker of Hamburger Helper, is inviting individuals to submit essays for the 2008 "My Hometown Helper" grant program.

Individuals are asked to submit essays of 250 words or less describing a project to improve their local community and how funding from General Mills would help achieve project goals.

Grants of \$500 to \$15,000 will be awarded; in 2007, \$200,000 in grants were made under the program. Examples of past winning programs include purchasing new band equipment, building a playground, and purchasing a community tornado-warning system. Application deadline is March 31. For more details, see the [My Hometown Helper website](#).